



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant )  
Mitsuru TAKAHASHI ) Art Group: 1753  
Serial No.: 09/268,948 )  
Filing Date: March 16, 1999 )  
Title: IRON NITRITE FILM HAVING ) Examiner: G. CANTELMO  
A NITROGEN MARTENSITE )  
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SURFACE )

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
BOX RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Response and RCE in the above-entitled application for three months from March 7, 2002 to June 7, 2002.

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$830) which covers the RCE fee of Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$370) and the Extension of Time fee of Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$460).

Applicant hereby claims small entity status. A reduction of  $\frac{1}{2}$  for filing by small entity (see 37 CFR 1.27).

Respectfully submitted,

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